(b) whether there are proposals from the State Governments for rehabilitation of these families; and

(c) if so, the decision of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The details of the approximate number of families falling beyond the barbed wire fencing, State-wise are as under:

State	No. of houses within 150 yards	Population within 150 yards
Tripura	1573	10893
Mizoram	—	—
Assam	—	—
Meghalaya	1331	9285
West Bengal	10750	69054
TOTAL:	13654	89232

(b) and (c) Some State Governments have sent proposals of providing financial assistance for rehabilitation of the families affected by the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing. The land for the purpose of construction of fence is acquired through normal land acquisition procedures. No rehabilitation programmes or scheme was envisaged for the people affected by the fencing project. The needs of the local people are attended to by providing gates at suitable locations along the fencing for facilitating easy movements of the villagers. The timings for opening of these gates have been fixed in consultation with the local people as per their actual requirement. Thus, it may be seen that there is no displacement of people due to fencing and efforts are made to cause minimal disturbance to the local people due to construction of fencing. BSF provides security to these families round the year.

Increase in strength of ITBP

1725. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the strength of Indo Tibetan Border Police; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Augmentation in the strength of Central Police Forces personnel is done from time to time, keeping in view the Internal Security scenario and the requirement at the borders. In January 2007, the Government has sanctioned raising of 20 additional Bns. in the Indo Tibetan Border Police alongwith 2 Zonal and 6 Sector Headquarters.

Communal violence

1726. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been disturbing reports of the outbreak of communal violence from various parts of the country during last few weeks; and

(b) if so, the details of the major such incidents that took place since January this year and the steps taken by the Union Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that there has been disturbing reports of outbreak of communal violence in the country during the last few weeks. However, during January, 2007 some major incidents of communal nature have been reported in the country from Bangalore city, Karnataka; Gorakhpur city, Uttar Pradesh; Mewat-Parbhani, Maharashtra and Indore city, Madhya Pradesh.

"Public Order & Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India and the State Governments are primarily responsible for registration, investigation of crime and maintenance of law and order. The Union Government shares information and sends alert messages/ advisories to enable the concerned State Governments to take appropriate action. Detailed guidelines for promotion of communal harmony have been issued in October, 1997 to all States/UTs. The Central Para-Military Forces are made available to them on specific requests, and a special Force called the Rapid Action Force has been deployed exclusively for